Dr. K. L. Moudgill : I was asked a specific question as to whether it was one of the conditions in a particular lease and I answered that I was not sure. To the question as to whether this condition would be imposed hereafter, I would say that I consider it unnecessary.

Mr. James Fletcher : Sir, in view of the fact that this House has brought to the notice of Government that there are complaints against Government contractors that they are entering into private waters, may I know whether at least a clause will be introduced in the future contracts that they would not enter into private waters if they take a contract of public waters ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : I have already answered that question, Sir.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad cum Chirayinkil*) : Is there anything to prevent the owners of private waters from taking appropriate remedy against the Government contractors if they enter into their waters ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : There is absolutely nothing preventing them from seeking such a remedy.

The Mascot Hotel.

25. ***Mr. James Fletcher:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total capital investment the Government have made for the construction and running of the Mascot Hotel, Trivandrum;

(*b*) the number of years the Hotel was run under Government management;

(*c*) the profit or loss incurred by the Government in each of such years;

(*d*) the terms under which the Hotel is handed over to the Spencer and Co., Ltd., and

(*e*) the interest on the capital outlay Government will get per year from the Spencer and Co., Ltd.?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Rs. 1,13,500.

(*b*) 8 years.

(*c*) A statement* showing the receipts and expenditure for the years 1111 to 1116 is attached.

(*d*) and (*e*) On lease for a period of two years from 13-10-1941 subject to determination by giving six months' previous notice by either of the parties, the lessee yielding and paying to Government a rent equal to 5 per cent of the annual turnover of the Hotel

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and also paying all rates, taxes and other outgoings in respect of the premises during the period of the lease.

Demonstrations in the paddy farm at Thiruppathisaram.

26. *Mr. V. Chellam Pillai (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the good results, if any, of the experiments conducted during the last 10 years in the paddy farm at Thiruppathisaram were demonstrated to the Nanjinad ryots and, if so, what is the result;

(*b*) whether farm-days were celebrated or conferences of ryots were held in the above farm about the year 1107;

(*c*) if so, whether it was with the object of acquainting the ryots with the results of the experiments conducted in the farm and the connected demonstrations made in the various villages of Nanjinad;

(*d*) if not with what object;

(*e*) whether such conferences or farm-days are being conducted now a-days;

(*f*) if not, why;

(*g*) what was the cost of those farm-days or conferences;

(*h*) who were the presidents of those farm-days or conferences and who selected them; and

(*i*) whether any reports of demonstrations conducted were placed in the meeting of those conferences?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) Yes; as a result of the experiments conducted in the Farm, it has been possible:

(1) to distribute every year on an average 20 to 25 thousand pounds of selected paddy seeds to the ryots of Nanjinad out of the high yielding strains evolved, and multiplied in the Farm;

(2) to devise suitable manurial mixtures, with indigenous manures, for the maximum production of paddy under Nanjinad conditions;

(3) to find out the most advantageous systems of cultural practices such as tillage, transplantings etc.;

(4) to advise the most efficient methods of combating insect pests such as the paddy stem borer.

The propaganda staff of the Department of Agriculture is demonstrating all the above results to the ryots in their own fields.

(*b*) Yes; during the years 1105 and 1106 M. E.

(*c*) Yes

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*) this does not arise.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) As a measure of retrenchment.

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